

Village of Bull Creek Receives \$405,000 for Well and Distribution Lines

Jerry Finley, Rural Development Manager, USDA Rural Development, presented a Mock Check in the amount of \$405,000 to Bull Creek during a ceremony held on November 19, 2004, at the Village Hall. The check represented funds to be used to install a new system comprised of a new deep well, pump house, a standpipe, and new main and service lines. The new system replaces two existing systems: One for the Mobile Home Park and one for the rest of the Village. The Park is served by a shallow well with undersized main and service lines. Bull Creek is served by a well with an unknown depth, small casing, with main service lines running on top of the ground. The current storage tank is a converted gasoline tank.

The new system, with an estimated cost of \$1,050,000, is being funded through a partnership effort. Rural Development loan funds in the amount of \$195,000, \$210,000 Rural Development grant funds, State of Missouri Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$495,000, and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) \$75,000 loan and \$75,000 grant will be used to drill a deep well, construct a pump house, and install distribution lines to approximately 99 residents.

Chairman Craegh Tucker stated, "The citizens of Bull Creek are excited that we will finally have a reliable source of quality water that will meet out needs for the foreseeable future. Bull Creek will be a better place to live thanks to the people at USDA Rural Development, CDBG, and DNR that have all worked together to make this project happen. We are fortunate that these government programs are available to improve the rural areas of Missouri".

Progress would not have been possible without the active involvement of the Project Engineer, Patrick O'Bryant, Simmons Engineering Company, Sue Bacorn, Bacorn Enterprises, CDBG Grant Administrator, and the assistance of Bruce Hively at USDA Rural Development.

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development said, "U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Roy Blunt have been, and continue to be, strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians by making available federal funds for these kinds of rural projects."

"Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work making this project a reality, said Branum. "This project mirrors President Bush's initiatives for rural America and exemplify the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities".



Front Row: Left to Right: Anita Winsatt, Village Clerk; Craegh Tucker, President of the Board; Mary Mink, Board member; Patrick Morrow, Senator Bond's Representative; Jerry Finley, Rural Development Manager. Back Row: Left to Right: Bruce Hively, Rural Development Specialist; Dan Wadlington, Congressman Blunt's Representative; Nathan Correll, Senator Talent's Representative; Jeff Pinson, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Brian Bowers and Jeff Ceperly, Simmons Engineering Inc.

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